GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
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Conversion of Rail Line
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have any proposal for conversion of metre gauge rail line between Bhildi and Palanpur to broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways have noticed that Archeological Department has raised an objection to the passing of metre gauge rail line between Patan and Bhildi which is very close to the heritage site called Rani-ki-Vav in Patan district of Gujarat;

(d) if so, whether the Railways are considering to lay a new rail line which would not damage the heritage site any further and shall also provide the people of this region with further connectivity from Bhildi to Palanpur; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): There is a already broad gauge line between Bhildi and Palanpur section and doubling of this section has been sanctioned as a part of Palanpur-Samakhiali in the year 2013-14 at a cost of ` 274.73 crore.

(c) to (e) : After denial by National Monument Authority for construction of railway line near Rani-ki-Vav on old alignment of Patan-Bhildi (51 km) line, railway suggested an alternate alignment for which "No Objection Certificate (NOC)" has been issued by Archaeological Survey of India, New Delhi on 06.05.2015.
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